

## IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend paragraph 2 as follows:

[0002] In recent years, an alternative system to conventional oxygen masks and nasal cannulas has been developed for delivery of oxygen to a patient, as described for example, in applicant's co-pending U.S. application Ser. Nos. 09/572,637 now patent number 6,450,166 and U.S. application Ser. No. ~~09/569,503~~ 09/659,503 now patent number 6,595,207. Central to such system is an oxygen diffuser which comprises a body having a wall, the interior surface of which wall is generally of concave configuration and circumscribes a centrally positioned oxygen outlet so as to direct the flow of oxygen from the outlet generally towards a patient's nose and mouth. A baffle is seated over the oxygen outlet, the baffle being positioned and designed so as to generate turbulence in the oxygen stream and thereby assist in mixing of oxygen with ambient air. This avoids a direct flow of oxygen towards a patient's face. This diffuser produces a plume of oxygen-enriched air which is then be directed towards the nose and mouth area of a patient's face.